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Amendment and Response To Restriction Requirement With Traverse

REMARKS

This is amendment and election is submitted in response to the communication mailed July 21, 2004.

Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to correct clerical errors in the claims.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 21-32 and 36, drawn to a medical balloon.

Additionally, the communication requests on pages 3-4 that applicants make an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 to a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits because there is no generic claim. The Office Action finds that there are 29 distinct species, each corresponding to a separate figure in the present application.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute species XII, FIG. 12, with traverse. Claims 21-26, 29 and 30, are readable on the elected species. Although Fig. 12 does not include a stent, Applicant requests that claims 27 and 28 which are directed to a combination of the balloon of claim 21 and a stent also be examined. Similarly, Applicant requests that claims 31 and 32 which are directed to a combination of the balloon of claim 29 and a stent also be examined.

Applicant notes that the application includes claims which are generic to multiple species. For example, claim 21 also reads at least on identified species XIX corresponding to Fig. 19. Claim 29 also reads at least on identified species XIX.

Respectfully submitted,

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